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Application Number	10/054,571
Filing Date	November 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Denis VINCENT
Art Unit	1742
Examiner Name	Harry D. WILKINS, III
Attorney Docket Number	2-1034-061

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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- iii. ☒ Other fees not covered by enclosed check, associated with this response
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For: NICKEL-FREE GREY GOLD ALLOY



Group Art Unit 1742

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

2. Applicant is

- ☐ a small entity:  
☐ attached  
☐ already filed.

☒ other than a small entity.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, entry of the following  
Amendment is respectfully requested.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being  
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Office on or before the date of filing of the  
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